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LETTER DATED 20 JULY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SWEDEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit a letter from the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Ministers of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lars-Göran ENGFELDT
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Sweden
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 20 July 1993 from the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Ministers of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Ministers of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, I wish, in conformity with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, to inform you and, through you, the members of the Security Council on the following.

The CSCE missions of long duration in Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina were established in September 1992 to promote dialogues between the authorities and communities in the three regions, collect information on all aspects relevant to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and promote solutions to such problem as well as assist in providing information on relevant legislation on human rights, protection of minorities, free media and democratic elections.

The missions have indeed proved extremely valuable in promoting stability and counteracting the risk of ethnically motivated violence to Kosovo, Sandzak and Vojvodina.

The presence of the missions was accepted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the value of their activities has been clearly acknowledged by that Government.

At the end of June 1993, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) withdrew its acceptance of the missions and its cooperation with them.

It is the considered opinion of the CSCE participating States that the decision by the Belgrade authorities not to allow the continued functioning of the missions aggravates the existing threats to peace and security in the region.

(Signed) Margaretha af UGGLAS
Chairman of the CSCE Council